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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/786,469	Applicant(s) KLUGE, JORN
	Examiner NASIR SHAHRESTANI	Art Unit 3737

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 19-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 19-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19-26 and 30-34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 19-25, 27-29, and 30-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Felton et al. (U.S. 6,207,874) in view of Yano et al. (U.S. 5,684,359).

Felton et al. teach the application of tattoos to the skin (col. 2 line 20 & col. Lines 57-67), and the incorporation of computer image processing to match skin tone (col. 4 lines 47-56). Furthermore, Felton et al. teach the use of photographs being a RGB image and wherein white light (camera flash) is utilized. Felton et al. further teach the recording of skin tone for tattoo construction.

Felton et al. do not specifically teach wherein skin test values representing chromaticity are obtained.

Yano et al. teach the use of a discharge lamp and an illumination instrument for general illumination which is able to reproduce preferable skin color by an illumination light in relation to skin test color, and calculation an index thereof (see abstract).

Yano et al. further teach providing a description by which a preferred chromaticity of skin color is provided (col. 2 lines 32-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have modified Felton et al. and to have included methods of differentiation skin chromaticity in order to provide an improved and relatively realistic template of skin when providing a tattoo.

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Felton et al. (U.S. 6,207,874) in view of Yano et al. (U.S. 5,684,359) as applied to claim 23 above, and further in view of Pruche (U.S. 2003/0065523).

Felton et al. in view of Yano et al. teach all the features of claims 19-25 as described, but do not teach pH tracking.

Pruche teaches skin tone and pH monitoring (par. 0038) for make-up tracking (par. 0030) in human subjects and the use of a camera (par. 0040).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have modified Felton et al. in view of Yano et al. and to have included more specific gathering as taught by Pruche, such as providing for pH values.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NASIR SHAHRESTANI whose telephone number is (571)270-1031. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs: 7:30-5:00, 2nd Friday: 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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